



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Daphne Ecological Services Field Office  
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Prospective HCP applicant:

Thank you for inquiring about a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Incidental Take Permit (ITP) related to single-family residential home construction within Alabama beach mouse (ABM) habitat. The enclosed packet contains an application for an ITP and a HCP template. The template is being provided for your assistance in the development of your own HCP. An application fee of \$100.00 (checks only please) must be included with your application.

You must describe the full extent of your development plans, including submittal of project site plans (may be hand drawn) depicting the footprint of all construction activities. The construction footprint (house pad, driveway, and other on-site features) habitat which would be destroyed, and the undeveloped portions of the lot, which will be conserved as ABM habitat, will define how your project is considered. You should minimize the permanent impacts to ABM habitat to the maximum extent practicable. Please include a land plat of your property (along with the parcel ID number) and describe the square footage of the entire lot, along with the square footage of permanent and temporary land disturbance. If an ITP is issued, permanent impacts will be limited to the square footage proposed in your construction footprint.

Please carefully read the Conservation Measures described in the HCP template. These measures must be agreed to and will be enforced if an ITP is issued. The HCP template also contains information on sea turtle conservation, which mainly applies to first tier (beachfront) lots. Sea turtle lighting recommendations relate to all lots.

The Service cannot issue a permit without ensuring compliance with the National State Historic Preservation Act. Therefore, we recommend that a cultural resource survey be performed. This does not have to be done prior to the submittal of your application, but must be completed before the ITP can be issued. A copy of the cultural resource survey and concurrence letter from the Alabama State Historic Preservation Commission must be submitted to this office before permit issuance.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Darren LeBlanc of my staff at 251-441-5181.

Sincerely,

Elaine Snyder-Conn  
Acting Field Supervisor